

Executive Registry

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10 APR 1956

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

THROUGH: Chief of Operations, DD/P

SUBJECT: Discussion with S. J. PAPICH in regard to
FBI's Letter of 7 April 1956 concerning the

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. During the afternoon of 10 April, was discussing Soviet activities in connection with the with Mr. PAPICH of the FBI. He informally asked Mr. PAPICH if the "sponsorship and control" phrase in the FBI's 7 April letter was not hitting a little below the belt. It became immediately apparent that Mr. PAPICH had not seen this letter and was not aware of its contents. He very informally expressed considerable indignation at being by-passed in the transmission of the letter to you, said that he was positive that was not aware of the letter, and that he intended through his own methods to ascertain at the Bureau that the letter had been transmitted and then to protest about it.

3. On 13 April Mr. PAPICH, again informally, told that he had followed the above course and had talked to Mr. who agreed that the wording, while possibly technically correct, was inappropriate, not actually correct, and should not have been in the letter. Mr. PAPICH further ascertained that there was no ulterior motive in the use of this wording and that it was a phrase placed in the letter by a substantive supervisor who was not aware of the true status of our part

4. Mr. PAPICH said that he intends to explain this matter to you personally. He also told that there is considerable apprehension on the working level in the FBI that your answer will be in the

nature of a blast and that Mr. HOOVER will demand some explanations as to why he was put in this embarrassing situation. It is believed that the proposed letter in reply sufficiently points out the record in the case, without causing undue internal flaps in the FBI over a matter which now appears to have been only a poor choice of words with no ulterior purpose or policy-level considerations.



James Angleton
Chief, Counter Intelligence Staff

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